

Allocation of deep water blocks to ONGC

†2216. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director General of Hydrocarbon has requested Government not to give the deep water blocks to ONGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons given by the Director General of Hydrocarbon for this above said request;

(d) whether the authenticity of these reasons has been verified; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (e) A total of 55 exploration blocks (24 deep-water, 6 shallow-water and 25 on-land) were offered under sixth round of NELP. A total of 36 foreign companies and 32 National companies including ONGC participated in bidding round. Evaluation of bids is carried out by adopting a transparent and quantitative bid evaluation criteria, which was made public in the Notice Inviting Offers for NELP-VI by the Government. The bid evaluation report in respect of 52 blocks has been received in this Ministry from the Directorate General of Hydrocarbon and the recommendations are presently under examination.

Smart Card Scheme

†2217. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the implementation of a Smart Card Scheme in order to supply kerosene and LPG at subsidized rates to genuine beneficiaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Committee has given certain suggestions regarding Integrated Energy Policy;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.